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OHIO WINTER WHEAT PRODUCTION FORECAST DOWN 3 PERCENT FROM 2004 U.S. WINTER WHEAT PRODUCTION UP 6 PERCENT

Based on a May 1 yield survey, Ohio winter wheat producers expect to harvest 53.5 million bushels in 2005, down 3 percent from the previous year. Producers are expecting to harvest 810,000 acres for grain or seed in 2004 from the 840,000 acres seeded last fall. This is 80,000 acres less than was harvested in 2004. The average State yield is forecast at 66 bushels per acre, up four bushels from the previous year average yield. As of May 1, 77 percent of the winter wheat acreage was rated in good-to-excellent condition with 58 percent having reached the jointed stage.

U.S. winter wheat production is forecast at 1.59 billion bushels, up 6 percent from 2004. Based on May 1 conditions, the U.S. yield is forecast at 45.4 bushels per acre, 1.9 bushels more than last year. Grain area totals 35.1 million acres, up 2 percent from last season. The portion of the U.S. winter wheat crop rated in good-to-excellent condition on May 1, was 63 percent, 15 percentage points higher than last year.

Hay stocks on Ohio farms amounted to 420,000 tons on May 1 compared to 556,000 tons on hand at the same time the previous year. A 19 percent decrease in hay production in 2004 compared to 2003, and increased feeding as a result of winter weather conditions were the main reason for the decrease. Disappearance

from December 1, 2004 was 1.83 million tons.

U.S. hay stocks on farms totaled 27.7 million tons on May 1, up 7 percent from the previous year. Disappearance of hay from December 1, 2004 - May 1, 2005, totaled 86.6 million tons, 2 percent greater than the disappearance of 85.1 million tons for the same period a year earlier. Twenty-six of the 48 reporting States had higher hay stocks than a year ago. Many of the States reporting an increase in stocks were located in the northern Great Plains and the central Corn Belt. The increase in hay stocks from May 2004 in some areas can be attributed to higher hay production during 2004, mild winter conditions, and sufficient early season pasture growth, reducing the need for supplemental feeding.

Stocks declined in the western and southeastern States. In Washington, lack of winter precipitation and minimal spring pasture growth depleted hay stocks. In California, a decrease in 2004 hay production, combined with strong consumption by dairies, reduced hay stocks by 30 percent from the previous year. In the Southeast, hay stocks are down due to lower 2004 hay production in most areas with some areas reporting poor quality as a result of wet weather during harvest.

WINTER WHEAT PRODUCTION SELECTED STATES AND U.S. 2004 & 2005

State	Area for harvest		Yield		Production	
	2004	2005 1/	2004	2005 1/	2004	2005 1/
	(000) acres		Bu./acre		(000) bushels	
Ohio	890	810	62.0	66.0	55,180	53,460
Indiana	440	340	62.0	65.0	27,280	22,100
Illinois	900	600	59.0	59.0	53,100	35,400
Missouri	930	600	52.0	52.0	48,360	31,200
Arkansas	620	185	53.0	48.0	32,860	8,880
Texas	3,500	3,500	31.0	30.0	108,500	105,000
Oklahoma	4,700	4,300	35.0	34.0	164,500	146,200
Kansas	8,500	9,600	37.0	44.0	314,500	422,400
Colorado	1,700	2,450	27.0	35.0	45,900	85,750
Montana	1,630	2,050	41.0	41.0	66,830	84,050
United States	34,462	35,069	43.5	45.4	1,499,434	1,590,862

1/ Preliminary.

WHEAT PRODUCTION BY CLASSES IN THE UNITED STATES 1/

Year	Winter			Spring			Total
	Hard red	Soft red	White	Hard red	White	Durum	
	Thousand Bushels						
2003	1,070,996	380,435	265,290	499,674	31,728	96,637	2,344,760
2004	856,211	380,305	262,918	525,467	43,451	89,893	2,158,245
2005	1,006,083	302,276	282,503				

1/ Wheat class estimates are based on the latest varietal acreage survey data available. The previous end-of-season class percentages are used through the forecast season, unless otherwise noted.

HAY STOCKS DECEMBER 1, 2002-2004 AND MAY 1, 2003-2005

State	December 1			May 1		
	2002	2003	2004	2003	2004	2005
1,000 Tons						
Indiana	1,037	1,561	1,704	96	253	345
Kentucky	3,975	5,035	4,742	513	1,466	1,186
Missouri	6,897	7,148	8,101	1,083	1,462	2,166
Ohio	1,666	2,504	2,250	215	556	420
Pennsylvania	2,138	2,440	2,700	380	570	650
U.S.	102,978	111,027	114,294	22,013	25,947	27,708

EGGS: MARKETING YEAR AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED, OHIO SELECTED STATES AND UNITED STATES, 2003-04

State	Market Eggs 1/		All Eggs 2/	
	2003	2004	2003	2004
Dollars per Dozen				
AL	0.576	0.564	1.620	1.650
AR	0.508	0.534	1.200	1.220
CA	0.609	0.625	0.623	0.643
FL	0.585	0.593	0.621	0.625
GA	0.559	0.558	0.941	0.939
IN	0.590	0.537	0.612	0.560
IA	0.509	0.491	0.529	0.508
MN	0.560	0.552	0.592	0.583
NE	0.535	0.525	0.535	0.525
NC	0.574	0.551	1.150	1.140
OH	0.581	0.539	0.588	0.545
PA	0.628	0.585	0.659	0.619
TX	0.559	0.532	0.784	0.762
US	0.576	0.559	0.732	0.714

1/ Market (table) eggs. 2/ Average of all eggs including .hatching-type eggs.

MILK: ANNUAL AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED OHIO, SELECTED STATES, UNITED STATES, 2003-04

State	Sold to Plants					
	Eligible for Fluid Market 1/		Manufacturing Grade		All Milk	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
Dollars per Cwt						
AZ	12.00	15.70	-	-	12.00	15.70
CA	11.37	14.72	11.82	15.20	11.38	14.73
FL	15.30	19.20	-	-	15.30	19.20
ID	11.50	15.00	12.30	16.00	11.50	15.00
IL	12.10	15.70	11.90	16.00	12.10	15.70
IN	13.00	16.80	11.10	14.60	12.90	16.70
IA	12.80	16.30	11.50	15.50	12.80	16.30
MI	12.60	16.30	10.80	14.70	12.60	16.30
MN	12.90	16.70	11.40	15.30	12.80	16.70
MO	12.60	16.40	11.70	15.60	12.60	16.40
NM	12.00	15.10	-	-	12.00	15.10
NY	13.10	16.80	-	-	13.10	16.80
OH	13.20	16.70	11.80	15.10	13.10	16.60
PA	14.00	17.60	11.60	16.20	14.00	17.60
TX	13.00	16.30	-	-	13.00	16.30
VT	13.00	16.90	-	-	13.00	16.90
WA	12.10	15.90	-	-	12.10	15.90
WI	12.90	16.90	12.00	15.80	12.90	16.90
U.S.	12.56	16.13	11.71	15.45	12.55	16.13

1/ Includes surplus fluid grade milk diverted to manufacturing.

TOBACCO ACRES, YIELD, PRODUCTION, AND VALUE, SELECTED STATES AND U.S., 2003 AND 2004

State	Area harvested		Yield		Production		Price per pound		Value of production	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
Acres		Pounds		(000) pounds		Dollars		(000) dollars		
Ohio	5,300	5,600	1,650	1,960	8,745	10,976	1.954	1.990	17,088	21,842
Indiana	4,200	4,200	1,950	2,050	8,190	8,610	1.949	1.982	15,962	17,065
Kentucky	111,650	114,950	2,016	2,044	225,042	235,003	2.027	2.050	456,077	481,708
N. Carolina	159,700	156,100	1,878	2,246	299,995	350,560	1.856	1.854	556,919	650,104
Tennessee	31,140	30,260	2,108	2,161	65,632	65,381	2.107	2.138	138,290	139,762
West Virginia	1,200	1,300	1,300	1,300	1,560	1,690	1.978	1.970	3,086	3,329
United States	411,150	408,040	1,952	2,155	802,560	879,227	1.964	1.988	1,576,436	1,747,614

OHIO 2004 BURLEY PRODUCTION UP FROM 2003

Ohio's 2004 burley tobacco production of nearly 11.0 million pounds represents a 26 percent increase from the previous year. The average State yield of 1,960 pounds per acre is up 310 pounds per acre from the 2003 average yield. Ohio growers harvested 5,600 acres in 2003, up 300 acres from 2003.

U.S. burley production, which accounted for 98 percent of all light air-cured tobacco, is revised down 2 percent from the

January preliminary estimate to 292 million pounds. This is 4 percent above 2003 when 282 million pounds were produced. Producers of burley tobacco harvested 153,150 acres in 2004, up 1 percent from the previous year. Yields averaged 1,908 pounds per acre, 58 pounds greater than 2003. Kentucky, the leading producer of burley tobacco, produced 207 million pounds, 71 percent of all burley grown in the United States

OHIO GRAIN AND OILSEED PRICES DOWN IN APRIL

The April winter wheat price of \$2.88 is down 33 cents from March and \$1.01 below the price received at the same time last year. Corn at \$1.96 is down five cents from March and \$1.03 below the \$2.99 per bushel price received in April 2004. The April soybean price of \$5.88 is down 15 cents from March and \$3.93 less than was received at the same time last year. The alfalfa hay price in April of \$143.00 per ton is up one dollar per ton from March and \$24.00 per ton higher than was received in April 2004. Other hay at \$61.00 per ton is down \$6.00 from March but \$10.00 above the price received last year at this time. The average potato price of \$8.05 per cwt. is up 80 cents from March, but 65 cents below the previous April price. The April apple price of 30 cents per pound is unchanged from last month and 2.7 cents higher than was received at the same time last year.

Beef cattle prices in Ohio averaged \$84.90 per cwt. in April, up 50 cents per cwt. from March and \$7.20 per cwt. higher than the previous April. The steer and heifer price at \$88.50 per cwt. rose 30 cents from March and is \$7.30 higher than in April of 2004. April cow prices at \$52.00 per cwt. are up \$1.50 from March and \$6.20 higher than they were at the same time last year. Calves, at \$130.00 per cwt. are up \$7.00 from the previous month and \$26.00 per cwt. higher than they were a year ago. Ohio's April hog price of \$47.60 per cwt., is down \$2.20 per cwt. from March but identical to the price received one year ago. Sow prices at

\$40.00 per cwt. are down \$2.00 per cwt. from March and \$2.80 lower than they were at the same time last year. The April barrow and gilt price of \$48.00 per cwt. is down \$2.20 from the previous month, but identical to the April 2004 average price. The April milk price of \$15.60 per cwt. is down 80 cents per cwt. from March and \$1.50 lower than the April 2004 price of \$17.10 per cwt. The April egg price at 25.5 cents per dozen is down 7.4 cents from March, and 28.3 cents less than the April 2004 price of 53.8 cents.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in April, at 120, based on 1990-92=100, is 1 point (0.8 percent) above the March Index. The Crop Index is up 2 points (1.7 percent) while the Livestock Index is unchanged. Producers received higher commodity prices for tomatoes, asparagus, broccoli, and hay. Lower prices were received for lettuce, corn, celery, and eggs. The seasonal change in the mix of commodities farmers sell, based on the past 3-year average, also affects the overall index. Increased average marketings of several commercial vegetables, cattle, strawberries, and dairy offset decreased marketings of soybeans, corn, hogs, and grapefruit. This preliminary All Farm Products Index is down 5 points (4.0 percent) from April 2004. The Food Commodities Index, at 124, is 1 point (0.8 percent) above last month but down 3 points (2.4 percent) from April 2004.

AGRICULTURAL PRICES, OHIO AND U.S. , APRIL 2005

Commodity 1/	Unit	OHIO			U.S.
		Apr. 2004	Mar. 2005	Apr. 2005	Apr. 2005
Winter Wheat	Bu \$	3.89	3.21	2.88	3.12
Corn	Bu \$	2.99	2.01	1.96	1.94
Soybeans	Bu \$	9.81	6.03	5.88	5.96
Oats	Bu \$	1.85	6/	5/	1.57
All Hay 2/	Ton \$	100.00	117.00	121.00	96.90
Alfalfa hay	Ton \$	119.00	142.00	143.00	103.00
Other Hay	Ton \$	51.00	67.00	61.00	75.40
Potatoes	Cwt \$	8.70	7.25	8.05	6.08
Apples	Lb \$	0.273	0.300	0.300	0.170
Hogs	Cwt \$	47.60	49.80	47.60	50.20
Sows	Cwt \$	42.80	42.00	40.00	42.00
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt \$	48.00	50.20	48.00	50.50
All Beef	Cwt \$	77.70	84.40	84.90	91.60
Cows	Cwt \$	45.80	50.50	52.00	57.10
Steers & heifers	Cwt \$	81.20	88.20	88.50	95.60
Calves	Cwt \$	104.00	123.00	130.00	139.00
Sheep	Cwt \$	33.20	43.20	-	-
Lambs	Cwt \$	113.00	124.00	-	-
Milk sold to plants	Cwt \$	17.10	16.40	15.60	15.40
Milk for fluid use	Cwt \$	17.10	16.50	-	15.40
Milk of mfg. grade	Cwt \$	16.90	14.90	-	15.00
Eggs 3/	Doz \$	0.538	0.329	0.255	0.261

FEED PRICE RATIOS

Hog-corn ratio 4/	15.9	24.8	24.3	25.9
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1/ Monthly average except for current month. 2/ Mid-month price for all months. 3/ Fresh market (table) eggs. 4/ Bushels of corn equal in value to 100 pounds of hogs live weight. 5/ Insufficient sales to establish a price. 6/ Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual firms.

MAY SUPPLY AND DEMAND 1/

	Corn		Wheat		Soybeans	
	2003/04	2004/05	2003/04	2004/05	2003/04	2004/05
Million Bushels						
Beginning Stocks	1,087	2,215	491	541	178	355
Production	10,089	10,985	2,345	2,185	2,454	2,895
Imports	14	10	63	70	6	3
Total Supply	11,190	13,210	2,899	2,796	2,638	3,253
Domestic Use	8,335	8,720	1,193	1,168	1,645	1,839
Exports	1,897	1,950	1,159	950	880	1,125
Total Use	10,232	10,670	2,353	2,118	2,525	2,964
Ending Stocks, Total	958	2,540	546	678	112	290
CCC Inventory	-	-	61	-	-	-
Free Stocks	958	-	485	-	-	-
Average Price (\$bu.)	2.42	1.55-1.95	3.40	2.55-3.05	7.34	4.70-5.70

1/ From World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates, ERS, FAS, USDA.

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